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HELEN C. RAUB ET AL., Appellants,
vs.
HELEN C. CARPENTER ET AL.
No. 1030.

1 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Holding a Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

To the honorable justice holding said court:

Your petitioners, Helen C. Raub, Charles D. Collins, Lewis E. Collins, Martha E. Collins, Margaret Worster, Charles S. Douglas, Harry Hauptman, Louisa Donaldson, Harriet Ege, Annie Beek, Georgiana Hutchins, William T. Hauptman, respectfully represent as follows:

1. That they have notice that a certain paper-writing bearing date the 15th day of April, 1898, purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles Wesley Hauptman, deceased, in and by which William E. Edmonston is appointed executor thereof, having been filed in this court, and citation upon the next of kin to show cause, if any there be, why the said paper-writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the decedent should not be admitted to probate; that the undersigned, Charles D. Collins, being the son of Annie Hauptman, a deceased sister of the said Charles Wesley Hauptman, deceased, and the said Helen C. Raub, being the daughter of Philip H. Hauptman, a deceased brother of the said Charles Wesley Hauptman, deceased, and are among the next of kin, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, do hereby contest the said probate and validity of the said paper-writing as purporting to be such last will and testament, and for that purpose allege against the validity of such alleged will, and that the same is not entitled to be admitted to probate and record, for the following reasons, to wit:

2 2. That the said paper-writing is not the last will and testament of the said deceased.

3. That the said deceased was not at the time of making and subscribing and acknowledging by him of said paper-writing of sound mind and memory or in any respect capable of making a valid will or contract.

4. That the said paper-writing purporting to be such last will and testament was obtained and the execution thereof procured by fraud and circumvention and undue influence practiced against and upon the said Charles Wesley Hauptman, deceased, by Helen Carpenter,

Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, Lloyd Douglas, and other persons now unknown to your petitioners.

5. That the said paper-writing was not freely and voluntarily executed or made as his last will and testament by said decedent, but that the subscription thereto was procured by fraud, coercion, and undue influence exercised upon him by the said Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd L. Douglas, and other persons now unknown to your petitioners.

6. Your petitioners therefore aver, as they represent a large number of the next of kin and heirs-at-law of the deceased, that their interest will be injuriously affected by allowing the said pretended last will and testament to be probated.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that said paper-writing may be stricken from the files of this court, and that the probate thereof be refused; that issues may be framed between these caveators
3 and the proponents of the will to be tried by a jury in order to determine the allegations of facts bearing upon the validity of said paper-writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Charles Wesley Hauptman, and for such further relief as the nature of the case may require.

HELEN C. RAUB.
C. D. COLLINS.

CLAYTON E. EMIG,
Attorney for Caveators.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, *ss:*

We, the undersigned petitioners, being first duly sworn, do depose and say that we and each of us have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof; that the facts therein contained and stated from our personal knowledge are true, and those stated upon information and belief we believe to be true.

HELEN C. RAUB.
C. D. COLLINS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of Dec., 1899.

S. A. TERRY,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]

Endorsement: "Petition of Helen C. Raub *et al.* Filed Dec. 26, 1899."

4 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

In re Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN, Deceased. No. 8916.

Answer to Caveat.

William E. Edmonston, the executor named in the will of the above-named decedent, for answer to the caveat filed in the above-entitled cause, says as follows:

1. He is advised that the allegations set forth in the first para-

graph of the caveat, concerning the relationship of the caveators to the decedent, Charles W. Hauptman, are true as alleged.

2. Further answering the said caveat, he denies the allegations of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th paragraphs thereof, and each and every of them, and avers the facts to be that the said paper-writings dated the 30th day of November, 1896, and the 15th day of April, 1898, and purporting, respectively, to be the last will and testament and a codicil thereto of the said Charles W. Hauptman, are the last will and testament and a codicil thereto of the said decedent; that at the time of the execution of the said paper-writings the said Charles W. Hauptman was of sound and disposing mind and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; that the said paper-writings were not executed through or procured by the fraud, circumvention, and undue influence practiced against and upon the said Charles W. Hauptman, deceased, by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, Lloyd Douglas, or any other person or persons, but were the free and voluntary acts of the said testator; that said paper-writings were not executed by said decedent through the fraud and coercion exercised upon him by the said Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas, or any other person or persons.

This respondent is willing that issues may be framed and tried before a jury according to law so to determine the truth of the allegations of the said caveat.

WILLIAM E. EDMONSTON.

J. J. DARLINGTON,
Solicitor for Respondent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, *ss:*

I, William E. Edmonston, on oath say that I have read the foregoing answer by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; that the matters and things therein set forth as of my own personal knowledge are true, and that those set forth on information and belief I believe to be true.

[SEAL.] WILLIAM E. EDMONSTON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of January, A. D. 1900.

J. D. COUGHLAN,
Notary Public.

Endorsement: "Answer of William E. Edmonston. Filed Jan. 27, 1900."

6 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

In re Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN, Deceased. No. 8916.

Answer to Caveat.

We, Helen C. Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, Lloyd Douglas, Helen K. Bremerman, Edmund H. Brown, William F. Brown. Mary E. Perry, Mary B. Tracy, John D. Hauptman, Clinton C. Hauptman, and Clara B. Hurley, beneficiaries named in the will of the above-named decedent, for answer to the caveat filed in the above-entitled cause, say as follows:

1. They admit the allegations set forth in the first paragraph of the caveat concerning the relationship of the caveators to the decedent, Charles W. Hauptman, to be true.

2. Further answering the said caveat, they deny the allegations of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th paragraphs thereof and each and every of them, and aver the facts to be that the said paper-writings dated the 30th day of November, 1896, and the 15th day of April, 1898, and purporting, respectively, to be the last will and testament and a codicil thereto of the said Charles W. Hauptman, are the last will and testament and a codicil thereto of the said decedent; that at the time of the execution of the said paper-writings the said Charles W. Hauptman was of sound and disposing mind and
7 capable of executing a valid deed or contract; that the said paper-writings were not executed through or procured by the fraud, circumvention, and undue influence practiced against and upon the said Charles W. Hauptman, deceased, by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, Lloyd Douglas, or any other person or persons, but were the free and voluntary acts of the said testator; that said paper-writings were not executed by said decedent through the fraud and coercion exercised upon him by the said Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas, or any other person or persons.

They are willing that issues may be framed and tried before a jury, according to law, so to determine the truth of the allegations of the said caveat.

WM. F. BROWN.
HELEN C. CARPENTER.
MARY M. KING.
WM. C. HAUPTMAN.
CAROLINE WATSON.
LLOYD DOUGLASS.
JOHN D. HAUPTMAN.
CLINTON C. HAUPTMAN.
MARY E. PERRY.

8 We, Helen C. Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, Lloyd Douglas, Helen K. Bremerman,

Edmund H. Brown, William F. Brown, Mary E. Perry, Mary B Tracy, John D. Hauptman, Clinton C. Hauptman, and Clara B. Hurley, on oath say that we have read the foregoing answer by us subscribed and know the contents thereof; that the matters and things therein set forth as of our own personal knowledge are true, and that those set forth on information and belief we believe to be true.

WM. H. BROWN.
HELEN C. CARPENTER.
MARY M. KING.
WM. C. HAUPTMAN.
CAROLINE WATSON.
LLOYD DOUGLASS.
JOHN D. HAUPTMAN.
CLINTON C. HAUPTMAN.
MARY E. PERRY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 1st day of February, A. D. 1900, by the above-named Helen C. Carpenter, Mary M. King, Wm. C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, Lloyd Douglass, John D. Hauptman, and Clinton C. Hauptman, and subscribed & sworn to before me this 2d day of February, A. D. 1900, by above-named Mary E. Perry and also—

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 2d day of February, A. D. 1900, by the above-named Wm. F. Brown.

J. D. COUGHLAN,
[SEAL.] *Notary Public.*

Endorsement: "Answer to caveat filed February 7, 1900."

9 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

In re Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN, Deceased. No. 8916.

Issues.

Upon consideration of the caveat filed herein to the paper-writing dated the 30th day of November, 1896, and offered for probate as the last will and testament of said Charles W. Hauptman, deceased, and of the answer to said caveat, it is on this 19th day of March, 1900, ordered that the following issues be, and they hereby are, set for trial by a jury in this court:

1. Was said paper-writing executed by said Charles W. Hauptman through the fraud, circumvention, or undue influence practiced against and upon him by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas or any other person or persons?

2. Was said paper-writing executed by said Charles W. Hauptman through fraud or coercion exercised upon him by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas, or any other person or persons?

3. Was said Charles W. Hauptman, at the time of the execution of said paper-writing, of sound and disposing mind and capable of executing a valid deed or contract?

4. Was the said paper-writing the last will and testament of the said decedent?

And upon consideration of the caveat filed herein to the
10 paper-writing dated the 15th day of April, 1898, and offered for probate as a codicil to said paper-writing dated the 30th day of November, 1896, and of the answer to said caveat, it is further ordered that the following issues be set for trial by a jury in this court:

1. Was said paper-writing executed by said Charles W. Hauptman through the fraud, circumvention, or undue influence practiced against and upon him by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas or any other person or persons?

2. Was said paper-writing executed by said Charles W. Hauptman through fraud or coercion exercised upon him by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas or any other person or persons?

3. Was said Charles W. Hauptman at the time of the execution of said paper-writing of sound and disposing mind and capable of executing a valid deed or contract?

4. Was the said paper-writing the codicil to the last will and testament of the said decedent?

CHAS. C. COLE, *J.*

GEO. F. BATEMAN.	GEORGE G. LEWIS.
JOHN PEPPER.	JOHN C. BRUCE.
JOHN B. HARRY.	CHAS. G. McCHESNEY.
ARTHUR B. NICHOLS.	GEORGE R. CHAMBERLIN.
CLARENCE W. OLIVER.	RICHARD L. ELLIOTT.
FRANK D. HOSPITAL.	L. M. CORNWALL.

Endorsement: "Issues filed March 19, 1900."

11 Court resumes its session pursuant to adjournment, Asso. Justice Cole presiding.

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN, Deceased.
No. 8916, Doc. 25.

Joseph J. Darlington & Joseph Burkart, attorneys for caveatees.
Clayton E. Emig & Charles Poe, attorneys for caveators.

This day come here the caveatees, Helen C. Carpenter, Helen K. Brememan, Edmund H. Brown, Mary E. Perry, William F. Brown, Lloyd Douglas, Caroline Watson, John D. Hauptman, Clinton C. Hauptman, Mary B. Tracy, Clara B. Hurley, William C. Hauptman, Mary M. King, David Lomax, William E. Edmonston, Mary S. Heinecke, Washington City Orphan Asylum, by J. J. Darlington, president; Washington City Bible Society, by A. W. Petzer, presi-

dent; Methodist Home D. C., by A. B. Duvall, president; The American University, John F. Hurst, chancellor; O. B. Brown, chairman b'd of directors Central Union Mission; Lucy Webb Hayes Nat'l Training School and Sibley Hospital, Alfred C. Ames, pres'd't; American Bible Society, by Wm. Ferelke; Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Homer Eaton, treasurer; W. A. Spencer, cor. sec't'ry Board Church Extension Methodist Episcopal Church; Board of Trustees of Foundry M. E. Church, by Addison M. Smyth, president, by their attorneys, and the caveators, Charles D. Collins, Lewis E. Collins, Martha E. Collins, Margaret A. Worster, William F. Hauptman, Georgiana Hutchins, Charles S. Douglass, Harry Hauptman, Maria Louisa Donaldson, Harriet E. Ege, Annie Beek, & Helen C. Raub, by their attorneys. Upon motion of the attorneys for the caveatees, it is this 13th day
12 of June ordered that the caveatees be made plaintiffs and the caveators be made defendants upon the trial of the issues heretofore ordered to be tried to determine the validity of the paper-writing propounded as the last will and testament of Charles W. Hauptman, deceased, and it is further ordered that the said issues be tried by the jury summoned for and now in attendance upon the criminal term No. 2 of this court, a jury of good and lawful men of the District of Columbia, to wit:

Petit Jury.

Richard L. Elliot.	John Pepper.	John B. Harry.
Charles G. McChesney.	George R. Chamberlin.	George G. Lewis.
Luther M. Cornwall.	Clarence W. Oliver.	Frank D. Hospital.
John C. Bruce.	George F. Bateman.	Arthur B. Nichols.

Adjourned until tomorrow, June 15th, 1900, at 10 o'clock.

CHAS. C. COLE.

Copied from Proceedings No. 30, p. 182.

13 Court resumes its session pursuant to adjournment, Mr. Justice Cole presiding.

HELEN C. CARPENTER ET AL.
vs.
CHARLES D. COLLINS ET AL. } Issues in Hauptman Will.

Joseph J. Darlington & Joseph Burkart, attorneys for caveatees.
Clayton E. Emig & Charles Poe, attorneys for caveators.

Now again come here the parties aforesaid, in the manner aforesaid, and the same jury that was respited yesterday, and, after hearing the argument of counsel and the instructions of the court, in answer to the said issues, upon their oaths, the said jurors, in a signed verdict, do say:

In answer to the first issue:

1. Was said paper-writing executed by said Charles W. Hauptman through the fraud, circumvention, or undue influence practiced

against and upon him by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas, or any other person or persons? They answer, No.

In answer to the second issue:

2. Was said paper-writing executed by said Charles W. Hauptman through fraud or coercion exercised upon him by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas, or any other person or persons? They answer, No.

14 In answer to third issue:

3. Was said Charles W. Hauptman at the time of the execution of said paper-writing of sound and disposing mind and capable of executing a valid deed or contract? They answer, Yes.

In answer to the fourth issue:

4. Was the said paper-writing the last will and testament of the said decedent? They answer, Yes.

And upon consideration of the caveat filed herein to the paper-writing dated the 15th day of April, 1898, and offered for probate as a codicil to said paper-writing dated the 30th day of November, 1896, and of the answer to said caveat, it is further ordered that the following issues be set for trial by a jury in this court:

In answer to the first issue:

1. Was said paper-writing executed by said Charles W. Hauptman through the fraud, circumvention, or undue influence practiced against and upon him by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas or any person or persons? They answer, No.

In answer to the second issue:

2. Was said paper-writing executed by said Charles W. Hauptman through fraud or coercion exercised upon him by Helen Carpenter, Mary M. King, William C. Hauptman, Caroline Watson, and Lloyd Douglas or any other person or persons? They answer, No.

In answer to third issue:

3. Was said Charles W. Hauptman at the time of the execution of said paper-writing of sound and disposing mind and capable of executing a valid deed or contract? They answer, Yes.

15 In answer to the fourth issue:

4. Was the said paper-writing the codicil to the last will and testament of the said decedent? They answer, Yes.

CHAS. C. COLE.

GEORGE F. BATEMAN.
JOHN PEPPER.
JOHN B. HARRY.
ARTHUR B. NICHOLS.
CLARENCE W. OLIVER.
FRANK D. HOSPITAL.
GEORGE G. LEWIS.
JOHN C. BRUCE.
CHARLES G. McCHESNEY.
GEORGE R. CHAMBERLIN.
RICHARD L. ELLIOTT.
L. M. CORNWALL.

And court adjourned.

CHAS. C. COLE.

Copied from Proceedings No. 30, p. 196.

16 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

In re Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN. No. 8916.

Order.

The issues set for trial by jury in this court under an order passed herein on the 19th day of March, 1900, under the caveat to the will and codicil of Charles W. Hauptman, filed by Helen C. Raub, Charles D. Collins, Louis E. Collins, Martha E. Collins, Margaret Worster, Charles S. Douglass, Harry Hauptman, Marie Louisa Donaldson, Harriet Ege, Annie Beek, Georgiana Hutchins, and William T. Hauptman, having been found in favor of the said will and codicil, it is by the court, this 26th day of June, A. D. 1900, adjudged, ordered, and decreed that the paper-writings bearing date, respectively, the 30th day of November, 1896, and the 15th day of April, 1898, and purporting, respectively, to be the last will and testament and a codicil thereto of the said Charles W. Hauptman, duly executed to pass both the real estate and the personal property of the said testator within said District, be, and the same hereby are, admitted to probate and record, and that letters testamentary upon the estate of the said decedent be issued to William E. Edmonston, the executor therein named, upon his giving bond in the penalty of sixty thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his trust; and it is further adjudged, ordered, and decreed that the said William E. Edmonston, the executor, as aforesaid, recover
17 against the said caveators the costs incurred under their said caveat, and that they have execution therefor as at law.

From this decree the caveators, by their counsel, pray an appeal, which is granted, and the penalty of a supersedeas bond, if one be given, is fixed at five thousand dollars, and bond for costs in penalty of one hundred dollars.

CHAS. C. COLE, *J.*

Endorsement: "Order admitting will to probate and granting letters testamentary to Wm. E. Edmonston." Filed June 26, 1900.

18 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Holding a Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

In the — Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN, Deceased. No. 8916.

The caveators in this case, by Charles Poe and Clayton E. Emig, their attorneys, move the court to vacate, annul, and set aside its order passed in this cause on or about the 26th day of June, A. D. 1900, whereby it ratified, approved, and confirmed the verdict of the jury empaneled to try the issues in this cause as to whether certain paper-writings in said issues more fully set forth were or were not the last will and testament and codicil thereto of the said Charles W. Hauptman, deceased, and granting letters testamentary upon said alleged last will and testament and codicil of said Charles W. Haupt-

man, deceased, to William E. Edmonston, and that the said letters testamentary and the order granting the same may be revoked, annulled, and set aside, and assign the following reasons for their said motion and accompany the same with certain affidavits filed herewith:

The grounds upon which said motion is founded are as follows, to wit:

That at the time of the selection of the jurors for service for the June term of this honorable court or of criminal court number 2 of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, before whom the issues out of this honorable court were to be tried by an order passed in this court, one of said jurors, to wit, one George G. Lewis, was examined by the Honorable Edward F. Bingham, chief justice, in open court, as to his qualifications and competency to serve as a juror in issues of fact under the statutes and laws of the United States, as applicable to the District of Columbia and to the supreme court thereof, and that upon such an examination as to his qualification and competency, in answer to the question as to whether he was over 21 years of age and under 65 years, the said George G. Lewis, in the presence of Charles Poe, one of the attorneys for the caveators in this case, answered that he was, and in answer to the question as to whether he had ever been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, so propounded to him by the said Chief Justice Edward F. Bingham, answered that he never had been.

[SEAL.] And your petitioners further show as a ground upon which this motion is founded that in truth and in fact when said George G. Lewis so made the two affidavits as to his qualification and competency as a juror he was not of the age of 21 years, and has not yet attained that age, and that the said George G.

19 Lewis was but little over the age of 20 years, and had been convicted of the crime of petty larceny in the police court of the District of Columbia several times prior to the making of said affidavits as to his qualifications and competency, all of which facts both as to his age and as to his convictions of crime involving moral turpitude were unknown to your petitioners and their attorneys until within a few days prior to the filing of this motion.

That at the beginning of the trial of the issues herein a full panel of twenty jurors was furnished by the clerk to both caveators and caveatees, upon which appeared the name of George G. Lewis as a competent and qualified juror, from which list of 20 jurors the caveators struck four names other than that of the said George G. Lewis, neither the said caveators nor their attorneys of record at that time having any knowledge nor suspicion that the said George G. Lewis was not a competent or qualified juror, he having made oath in the presence and hearing of one of the attorneys of record that he was so competent and qualified within a few days prior to the beginning of said trial and in open court. The allegation in this petition as to the age of the said George G. Lewis is made upon information and belief and after a careful investigation as to the truth of said allegation by the party making said allegation, and

the allegation as to the several convictions of said George G. Lewis of the crime of larceny is made after investigation of the records of the police court of the District of Columbia by this affiant, and the affiant making this affidavit believes that the information upon which this affidavit is based is true.

Therefore your petitioners move that the orders aforesaid passed in this cause may be vacated and set aside.

C. D. COLLINS,
One of the Caveators & Pet'n'rs.

CHAS. POE,
C. E. EMIG,
Attorneys for Caveators.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, *ss:*

I solemnly swear that I have read the foregoing petition by me subscribed and know the contents thereof, and that the facts therein stated upon my own knowledge are true and those stated upon information and belief I believe to be true.

C. D. COLLINS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1900.

THOS. H. CALLAN,
[SEAL.] *Notary Public.*

(Endorsement:) "Motion to vacate order admitting will to probate and to revoke letters testamentary. Filed July 16, 1900."

20 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Holding a Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

In the Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN, Deceased. No. 8916.

Affidavit of Frank M. Helan, to accompany motion to vacate the orders in the above-entitled cause admitting the will and codicil of Charles W. Hauptman and granting letters testamentary thereupon.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

I, Frank M. Helan, a witness of lawful age, being on oath duly sworn, depose and say: I am 43 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the District of Columbia, and am at present one of the detectives of the Metropolitan police force of the District of Columbia, and have been connected with the police force of said District for over 11 years; that in or about the month of March, 1895, I arrested one George G. Lewis on three charges of larceny committed within the District of Columbia, and afterwards, to wit, the 20th of March, 1895, appeared in the police court of the said District as a witness against the said Lewis at his trials upon said charges, and at said trials the said Lewis having first entered a plea of not guilty withdrew his said plea and entered a plea of guilty, and he was then and there adjudged to be guilty of the crime of

larceny, as alleged in the indictments or informations against him; that I had while in charge of said case a search warrant for the goods and the personal property alleged to have been stolen by said Lewis, under which I seized and secured the articles shown in the return thereto; that I have within the last few days seen the person whom I arrested on said charges of larceny and who was convicted thereof, and I identify him as the same person whom I am informed and verily believe to be the same person who served, under the name of George G. Lewis, as a juror to try the issues as to the validity of the will and codicil of Charles W. Hauptman, as mentioned in the title to this affidavit, and I annex a certified copy of the records of the trials and convictions of said George G. Lewis, under the name of George Lewis, hereto and make the same a part of this my affidavit.

FRANK M. HELAN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July, 1900.

THOS. H. CALLAN,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]

21 In the Police Court of the District of Columbia, March Term, 1895.

UNITED STATES *vs.* GEORGE LEWIS. } No. 81015. Information for Larceny.

Defendant arraigned March 18th, 1895.
Plea, not guilty. Continued March 20, '95.
March 20, '95.—Judgment, guilty.
Sentence: To pay a fine of $20.00, and in default to be imprisoned 20 days in jail.
$20.00 paid.

JULY 13TH, 1900.

I hereby certify, under the seal of this court, that the foregoing is a true copy of the record of the proceedings had in the police court in the above-entitled case.

F. A. SEBRING,
Dep. Clerk Police Court, Dist. of Columbia.

[SEAL.]

[Endorsed:] Witnesses, William Craig, Frank Helan, M. P.

22 In the Police Court of the District of Columbia, March Term, 1895.

UNITED STATES *vs.* GEORGE LEWIS. } No. 81016. Information for Larceny.

Defendant arraigned March 18th, 1895.
Plea, not guilty. Continued March 20th, 1895.
3, 20, '95.—Judgment, guilty.
Sentence: To pay a fine of $20.00, and in default to be imprisoned

20 days in jail; to take effect upon expiration of imprisonment in jail under sentence imposed in U. S. case No. 81015, of even date.
$20.00 paid.

JULY 13TH, 1900.

I hereby certify, under the seal of this court, that the foregoing is a true copy of the record of the proceedings had in the police court in the above-entitled case.

[SEAL.] F. A. SEBRING,
Dep. Clerk Police Court, Dist. of Columbia.

[Endorsed:] Witness, William Craig.

23 In the Police Court of the District of Columbia, March Term, 1895.

UNITED STATES *vs.* GEORGE LEWIS. } No. 81017. Information for Larceny.

Defendant arraigned March 18th, 1895,
Plea, not guilty. Continued March 20th, 1895.
3, 20, '95.—Judgment, guilty.
Sentence: To pay a fine of $20.00, and in default to be imprisoned 20 days in jail; to take effect upon expiration of imprisonment in jail under sentence imposed in U. S. case No. 81016, of even date.
$20.00 paid.

JULY 13TH, 1900.

I hereby certify, under the seal of this court, that the foregoing is a true copy of the record of the proceedings had in the police court in the above-entitled case.

F. A. SEBRING,
[SEAL.] *Dep. Clerk Police Court, Dist. of Columbia.*

(Endorsement:) Affidavit of Frank M. Helan and certified copies accompanying same. Filed July 16, 1900.
[Endorsed:] Witness, William Craig.

24 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Holding a Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

In the Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN, Deceased. No. 8916.

Affidavit of Charles Poe, to Accompany Motion to set aside the Orders Passed in this Cause.

Charles Poe, a witness of lawful age, being duly sworn, makes oath, deposes, and says as follows: That he is a member of the bar of the supreme court of the District of Columbia and one of the attorneys of record in this cause; that on the fifth day of June, 1900, the day of empaneling the jurors to serve for the June term, 1900, of this honorable court, he was present in court when the

jurors, drawn and examined under oath for the purpose of determining their competency and qualifications to serve as jurors, were questioned by the Honorable Edwin F. Bingham, chief justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and that upon said examination on oath he heard George G. Lewis, one of the jurors so then and there accepted as a competent and qualified juror, in answer to the question propounded to him as to whether he was a citizen of the United States, a resident of the District of Columbia, over the age of twenty-one years and under the age of 65 years, answer that he was; and also heard the said George G. Lewis, in answer to the question so propounded to him as to whether he had ever been convicted of a crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, answer that he never had been.

Affiant further makes oath that at the time he heard the
25 said George G. Lewis so make the statements under oath and qualify as a juror he (affiant) did not know or suspect that said statements were not true; that he did not know or suspect the same when said jury was sworn to try the issues in the above-entitled cause, and did not know or have any intimation of said facts until several days after the entry of the decretal order which is now sought to be vacated, and that immediately upon receiving the intimation that said Lewis was not over the age of 21 years and had been convicted of a crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, he proceeded to have the facts in relation thereto investigated, and had the said Lewis pointed out to Detective Frank M. Helan as the person who had served on said jury, and the said Helan, without hesitation, identified the said Lewis as the same person whom he had arrested and seen convicted, as set forth in the affidavit of the said Helan, filed at the same time that this affidavit is filed.

CHAS. POE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July, A. D. 1900.

THOS. H. CALLAN,
[NOTARY SEAL.] *Notary Public.*

Copy.

Endorsement: "Affidavit of Charles Poe." Filed July 16, 1900.

26 July 17, 1900.—Appeal bond filed and approved.

27 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

In re Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN. No. 8916, Adm. Doc.

This cause coming on to be heard upon the caveators' motion to vacate the decree of June 26th, 1900, admitting to probate and record the papers offered as the last will and testament and a codicil thereto of the above-named decedent, and the same having been argued by the counsel for the parties respectively, and duly considered, and the court further being of the opinion that at the

trial there was no evidence of mental incompetency, fraud, or undue influence, it is thereupon by the court, this twentieth day of September, A. D. 1900, ordered that the said motion be, and the same hereby is, denied.

CHAS. C. COLE, *J.*

Endorsement: "Order denying motion to vacate decree of June 26, 1900." Filed September 20, 1900.

28 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Holding a Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

In re CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN, Deceased. No. 8916.

The caveators (defendants) herein pray an appeal to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia from the order, this 20th day of September, A. D. 1900, passed overruling their motion to vacate and set aside the decretal order passed in this cause on the 26th day of June, 1900.

CHAS. POE,
CLAYTON E. EMIG,
Attorneys for Caveators.

Appeal allowed Sept. 20, 1900.

CHAS. C. COLE, *J.*

Endorsement: "Prayer for appeal and order granting same." Filed September 20, 1900.

29 In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

In the Estate of CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN, Deceased. No. 8916.

Bill of Exceptions.

At the trial of this cause before the Honorable Charles C. Cole and a jury duly sworn and empaneled, the caveators, to maintain the issue on their part joined, offered as a witness, duly sworn, one MARY S. HEINEKE, who testified that she was a niece of the testator and one of the caveatees in this cause; that subsequent to the execution of the last will and testament of said testator and the codicil thereto she had a conversation with the caveatee, Helen C. Carpenter, in which conversation the said Helen C. Carpenter related to her, the said witness, statements made by testator as to what disposition he had made of his estate; but to this offer the caveatees objected, and the court sustained their objection and excluded said declaration of said Helen C. Carpenter so proposed to be proved; to which ruling of the court sustaining said objection and excluding said testimony the caveators, by their counsel, then and there excepted and prayed the court to note their said exception upon his notes, which was accordingly done before the jury retired, and the caveators then and there prayed the court to sign and seal this their bill of exceptions, which is accordingly, as aforesaid, done.

The witness, Mrs. Mary S. Heineke, further testified as follows upon further direct examination:

30 Q. Just state, Mrs. Heineke, what conversations you had with Mrs. Carpenter with reference to your uncle's will or the codicil.

A. Well, she said one day that she had asked Uncle Wes how he had made his will. She told me that she had asked him if he had left us all alike in making a will, and he said he had, all his nieces and nephews. That is all the conversation I had with her about the will (p. 54).

This same witness testified further that she could not tell anything concerning the condition of the mind of the testator, but that she had several conversations with him, in which they talked on all subjects and in which he told her that he intended to leave some of his property to some of his nephews and nieces and to others he would leave none; that in one conversation he told her that he hoped she would not compromise or give any of her portion away and cautioned her very particularly about that; that he often helped those of his relations who needed help by paying their rent for them and giving them money; that the testator took charge of and settled his brother Frank's estate at his death; that he said he was going to fix his will so that it could not be broken and that the beneficiaries under it would get what was coming to them; that on two occasions she went as far as the car with him, when he told her he was going to Mr. Edmonston's office regarding his will; that after the death of Francis E. Hauptman she never saw any of the caveators at the testator's house, although all but two of them lived in Washington.

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. When did you ever hear his mental capacity questioned?

31 A. When did I ever hear it?

Q. Yes; and by whom?

A. I do not know when I ever heard of it except here lately.

Q. You never heard of it in his lifetime, did you?

A. No, sir.

Q. How many people did you know that knew him?

A. I guess nearly everybody I knew pretty much knew him.

Q. You never heard anybody question his mental capacity until after his death?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever hear anybody question it then except those trying to break the will?

A. No; I do not think I have (p. 91).

Q. You state he talked with you about what he was going to do with his property—that is, he was going to leave something to some people and nothing to others? Which ones did he tell you he was not going to leave anything to?

A. To those that had filed a caveat.

Q. Those who had antagonized your uncle Frank's will?
A. Yes.
Q. What did he say about those that had made the fight on the first will?
A. He always said he was not going to leave them anything; that he was going to cut them out.
Q. What did he say about the others?
A. That he was going to leave them something. He didn't say what or how he was going to do it. He didn't say whether he was going to make them all equal or not.
32 Q. But he was going to leave something to all but those who made that fight?
A. Yes, sir (p. 92).

And the caveators, further to maintain the issues on their part joined, introduced as a witness Dr. NORMAN R. JENNER, who testified that he was a practicing physician in the District of Columbia and had graduated in 1890.

That on one occasion, at the request of Dr. George N. Perry, he called professionally to see the testator; that this was about eighteen months prior to the trial; that he found him in a dazed condition—such a condition as he would expect a man to be in who was recovering from a spasm or an epileptic fit; that epilepsy does not frequently begin in persons from the age of 55 to 65, but is most frequently manifested prior to 14 or 15 years of age; that he has not had any considerable experience with epilepsy; that at the time he called upon the testator he saw nothing to indicate but that the testator's mind was all right; that the testator answered intelligently all questions that the doctor propounded to him, and witness saw no indication that his mind was unsound.

And the caveators, further to maintain the issues on their part joined, proceeded and had sworn and examined as a witness on their behalf Dr. GEORGE B. HEINECKE, who swore in substance as follows: That he was about thirty years of
33 age; a practicing physician in the city of Washington since 1892; that he was a grandnephew of the testator and a son of Mary S. Heinecke, one of the caveatees and residuary legatees of Charles W. Hauptman; that he had known the testator ever since he could recollect, and had seen him about once a week, more or less, during that period and up to his death; had seen him when recovering from attacks of epilepsy, but subsequently to the execution of the will and codicil; that testator had stated to him that he was a sufferer from urethral calculus; that on the 13th of March, 1896, he had seen the testator have a fainting spell; that toward the latter part of the testator's life when he would go to visit the testator he would usually find him in the sitting-room or in the shop; that he had on one occasion seen testator laughing to himself; that on or about the 13th of February, 1899, during the blizzard, the testator acted peculiarly about the snow in his yard; did not know how

it got in there, all of it, and went out there and tried to get it removed; that witness knew a good many people who were affected by that snow; that upon the day after the death of the testator he was present with four other physicians when the post-mortem examination of the testator's brain was made; that testator's brain was pale—atrophied—and the arteries of the brain extremely
34 atheromatous; that the cause of the death of the said testator was anæmia or arterial sclerosis; that thereupon the caveators, by their counsel, propounded to the said witness the following question:

Q. Doctor, have you formed any opinion, from your uncle's general condition of health and the conditions disclosed by his brain at this investigation, and from all that you know about him yourself, what his condition of mind was?

To that portion of which question which called for an opinion from the witness from "all that you know about him yourself" the caveatees objected on the ground that no sufficient basis had been laid for that portion of the said question, and that the facts relied upon in this particular should be first adduced, and the court sustained their objection; to which action of the court sustaining said objection and refusing to allow the counsel for the caveators to put the same or the witness to make answer thereto the counsel for the caveators excepted, and prayed the court to note their said objection upon its notes, which is accordingly done before the jury retire, and to sign and seal this his bill of exception, which is also accordingly done, as aforesaid.

The witness Dr. Heineke further testified as follows:

Q. Did he have any other ailment—any ailment of the urinary organs, as far as you know?
A. Only what he said.
Q. I say, what he said or what you say.
A. He has trouble with urethral calculi, or passage of stones from the kidney to the bladder.
Q. Do you know what causes that trouble usually, Doctor?
A. It is a matter of a good deal of dispute.
Q. What is your opinion about it, if you have any?
A. It is a deposit that is a condition of the blood, perhaps, or a deposit from which this secretion is passed, and forms into calcareous matter in the kidneys, and then passes from there into the bladder, and then out.
35 Q. Do you think that might possibly have any effect upon the disintegration of the brain?
A. I cannot connect that; no, sir (p. 153).

And this witness further testified that atrophy is one of the invariable results of old age in possibly from fifty years of age up; that the liver, the kidneys, and most of the organs atrophy with advancing years, and that the brain is one of the first and most general of

the organs to atrophy from mere old age without any disease; that this condition of atrophy occurs between fifty years and advanced age, and in a vast majority of cases between the ages of sixty and seventy years; that the increase of the subarachnoidal fluid resulting from atrophy of the brain is a normal and natural condition; that as the brain atrophies with increasing years this fluid increases and fills up the space; that the thinking portion of the brain is the cortex of the gray matter in the upper part of the brain.

35½ And the caveators, further to maintain the issues on their part joined, offered to prove by Dr. ROBERT SCOTT LAMB substantially as follows: That he is a practicing physician in the city of Washington and has been such since August, 1898; that he is the son of Dr. D. S. Lamb, who is a pathologist at the United States Medical Museum; that he was present on the third of May, 1899, the day after the death of the testator, when a post-mortem examination of the brain took place; that he never saw the testator during his lifetime; that he, together with his father, Dr. D. S. Lamb, Dr. E. A. Balloch, Dr. George F. Perry, and Dr. George B. Heineke, were all present; that he assisted in performing the operation; that the accompanying record of the result of said autopsy is a true and correct record thereof:

Report of Autopsy.

MAY 3RD, 1900.

Dr. G. N. Perry, Wash., D. C.; Drs. D. L. & R. S. Lamb.

Charles W. Hauptman; age, 64 years; died May 2nd, 1899.
Necroscopia, limited to head.
Artery of brain extremely atheromatous, stiffened, brittle, standing wide open when cut, brain generally atrophied and pale; increase of subarachnoidal fluids, lateral ventricles dilated; some small cysts in left internal capsule and optic thalamus; a few small cysts in centrum ovale majus; cause of death, anaemia of brain.
Brain not kept.

36 That in the opinion of the witness the brain of the testator was rather unhealthy; that the disease from which he was suffering, in the opinion of the witness, had been progressing for from eight to ten years prior to death. Witness was then asked by counsel for the caveators "Whether, in his opinion as an expert physician, from the appearance and general condition of the brain of testator, it was possible to form a judgement as to the mental capacity of the testator on the 30 day of November, 1896, and also on the 15th day of April, 1898; and, if so, what that opinion was;" to which question and the propounding thereof the caveatees, by their counsel, objected, and the court then and there sustained their objection, on the ground that the said witness had not been shown to be an expert upon said subject-matter; to which ruling of the court sustaining the said objection and refusing to permit the said question to be propounded and an answer thereto to be given by

the witness the caveators, by their counsel, then and there excepted and prayed the court to note their exception upon his notes, which was accordingly done before the jury retired, and prayed the court also to sign and seal this their bill of exception, which is accordingly done, as aforesaid.

And then the said caveators, by their counsel, interrogated the said witness, Dr. Robert Scott Lamb, who answered substantially as follows: That while a student of medicine, and subsequent to his graduation, he had seen possibly 250 cases not relating to diseases of the brain, but in which it was involved to some extent, more or less; that he had been a student of the hospitals in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York; that he had seen a good deal of brain surgery; that he had not performed many operations himself, but had been present and seen them performed.

37 This witness further testified that the cases of brain surgery that he had witnessed in Philadelphia were seen by him after he had graduated, when he was going from hospital to hospital to study his profession, and that he had gone there of his own accord to witness surgical work and remained there three months; that during this period of time he was connected with no medical institution in Philadelphia, but was simply what was known as a man "visiting hospitals for the sake of research work."

Q. Did you witness any operations there to determine the mental capacity of a man who had an atrophied and pale brain and atheromatous arteries?

A. No, sir.

Q. What was there about these experiments or these operations that you witnessed in Philadelphia which would throw any light upon the mental condition of a man who had what is described in this record here, and the length of time that they would have affected his mind?

A. I do not know that there was anything.

This witness further testified that he had visited New York and Baltimore, where he obtained the same experiences he had in Philadelphia.

Thereupon caveators, by their counsel, insisted to the court that the said examination of the said witness demonstrated that the said witness was an expert in such matters, and that his testimony and opinion was competent evidence to go to the jury for what it was worth, and again offered to propound to the said witness the said question as to his opinion of the mental capacity of the said testator on the days of the dates of the execution of the said last will and codicil respectively; but the court still held that the said witness, Dr. R. S. Lamb, was not sufficiently qualified

38 as an expert in such matters *as* to be competent to give an opinion proper to be submitted to the jury, and refused to permit said question to be asked or the said wituess to answer the same; to which ruling of the court sustaining the objection of the

caveatees, by their counsel, as to the competency of the said witness, Dr. R. S. Lamb, as an expert, and the refusal to permit his opinion to be stated to the jury, or the question, for the purpose of eliciting the same, to be propounded to said witness, the caveators, by their counsel, duly excepted and prayed the court to note their exception upon his notes, which is accordingly done before the jury retire, and prayed the court to sign and seal this their bill of exception, which is also done accordingly as aforesaid.

And for further ground of exception the caveators show that at the beginning of the trial of the issues in this cause the court passed an order constituting the caveatees plaintiffs and the caveators defendants, as will appear by reference to said order in the record in this cause.

Whereupon the said caveatees offered in evidence the last will and testament and codicil of the said Charles W. Hauptman, and proved the execution thereof by the surviving witnesses thereto, and rested, the said will and codicil being as follows:

39 In the name of God, Amen;

I Charles W. Hauptman of the city of Washington in the District of Columbia, being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make publish and declare this paper-writing as and for my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say—

Item first. To my dearly beloved sister Mary E. Hauptman, who resides with me, I give and bequeath all my clothing wearing apparel, watches, furniture, plate and other household effects to be taken and disposed of as her absolute property, and in case she should not survive me, I give the same to the person or persons acting as executor or executors of this will to be disposed of in his or their discretion.

Item second. To my said sister Mary E. Hauptman if she survives me, I give devise and bequeath during her natural life the rents issues and profits of all the real estate of which I shall die seised or possessed, and the interest dividends, coupons and other income arising from all the personal estate other than that mentioned in said item first, of which I shall die possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my death; and I will and direct that the executor or trustee for the time being, acting in the execution of this will, shall collect the rents and profits of said real estate and the interest dividends, and other income from said personal estate, and pay such rents, profits, dividends and other income to said Mary E. Hauptman for her own use and benefit, so long as she lives, as said income is collected, or at such stated intervals of time, of not less than one month each, as may be satisfactory to said Mary E. Hauptman after first deducting from such income, all proper taxes,

Charles W. Hauptman.

40 rates, assessments, charges, and expenses, including a commission on such collections of seven per centum. Upon and after the death of my said sister Mary E. Hauptman, or upon my

death, if I shall survive her, it is my desire and I do so direct that all the real estate of which I shall die seised, and all of the personal estate, of which I shall die possessed, except what is mentioned in the said item first of this will, shall, be sold and disposed of absolutely and in fee-simple at public or private sale as soon as practicable by the executor, trustee or trustees acting in execution of the trusts of this will, and for the purpose of making such sale and disposition and completing the same I do hereby authorize and empower the executor or trustee or trustees, for the time being, acting in the execution of the trusts hereby created to make execute and deliver all deeds, conveyances or other instruments of writing deemed necessary or advisable; and I do will and direct that a purchaser from such executor or trustee shall be under no obligation to see to the application of the purchase-money. The purchase-money arising from such sales, and all income arising from said real and personal property after the death of the said Mary E. Hauptman and before a sale of said real and personal property, shall after paying from said proceeds of sale the usual and proper expenses of the sales hereinbefore authorized be used and applied in paying and satisfying the legacies hereinafter given, none of which however are to be or become payable while my said sister Mary E. Hauptman lives, and each of the hereinafter-contained items are to be construed as if a provision was inserted in each item, that the legacy or legacies therein given, should be payable only after the
41 death of the said Mary E. Hauptman.

Item third. To my dear sister Helen C. Carpenter, who now resides in Artesia in Los Angeles county, State of California, I give and bequeath the sum of six thousand dollars, and in case, she shall die before I do, or before the said sum becomes payable to her under the terms of this will, I give and bequeath the said sum to her child or children or other descendants to be equally divided among them, if more than one *per stirpes* and not *per capita.*

Item fourth. To David Lomax a colored man who formerly lived with my family, I give and bequeath the sum of three hundred dollars in recognition of his faithful services.

Item fifth. To the trustees who shall at the time of the sale hereinbefore provided for be acting as trustees of the Foundry Methodist Episcopal church or chapel which is erected at the northeast corner formed by the intersection of Fourteenth and G streets northwest in the city of Washington in the District of Columbia, I give and bequeath the sum of twelve hundred dollars of which amount I wish five hundred dollars to be used in the discretion of said trustees for the benefit of the church and five hundred dollars to be used in the discretion of said trustees or the benefit of the Sunday school, connected with said church, and two hundred dollars to be used in the discretion of the said trustees for the benefit of the poor of the congregation of said church.

Item sixth. To the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated by the State of New York, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars, and the receipt of the treasurer for

the time being of said society, shall be a sufficient discharge to the executor or trustee acting in the execution of the trusts of this will.

42 Item seventh. To "the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars and the receipt therefor of the treasurer for the time being of said society shall be a sufficient discharge to the executor or trustee acting in the execution of the trusts of this will.

Item eighth. To "the Methodist Home of the District of Columbia," incorporated under the laws in force in the District of Columbia, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars, and the receipt of its treasurer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to the executor or trustee acting in the execution of the trusts of this will.

Item ninth. To "the Central Union Mission." incorporated under the laws in force in the District of Columbia, I give and bequeath the sum of two hundred dollars, and the receipt of its treasurer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to the executor or trustee acting in the execution of the trusts of this will.

Item tenth. To the "American Bible Society" formed in New York in the year 1816, I give and bequeath the sum of two hundred dollars, for the use and benefit of the Washington City Bible Society and the receipt of the treasurer for the time being of the last-named society shall be a sufficient discharge to the executor or trustee acting in the execution of the trusts of this will.

Item eleventh. To the "Woman's Home Missionary Society, a corporation, under the laws of the State of Ohio, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars for the use and benefit of "the Lucy Webb Hays National Training School, Deaconess Home,

43 and Sibley Memorial Hospital located in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and the receipt of the president for the time being of the last-named institution shall be a sufficient discharge for said sum to the executor or trustee acting in the execution of the trusts of this will.

Item twelfth. To the Washington City Orphan Asylum a corporation created by act of Congress and whose buildings are at the corner of 14th and "S" streets northwest in the said city of Washington, I give and bequeath the sum of two hundred dollars, and the receipt of the treasurer for the time being of said asylum, shall be a sufficient discharge to the executor or trustee acting in the execution of the trusts of this will.

Item thirteenth. To "the American University" a corporation under the act of Congress, approved February 24th 1893, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars.

Item fourteenth. After the payment in full of the legacies hereinbefore given in items numbered consecutively from third to thirteenth both inclusive and of the expenses of sale I will and direct that the residue of the proceeds, arising from the sales, which I have hereinbefore authorized and directed to be made, shall be divided

in equal shares among, and I do hereby give and bequeath the said residue share and share alike to my following-named nieces and nephews, viz: Mary S. Heinecke, Helen K. Bremerman, Edmund H. Brown, Mary E. Perry, William F. Brown William C. Hauptman, Mary M. King, Lloyd Douglass, Caroline Watson, Mary B. Tracy, John D. Hauptman, Clinton C. Hauptman, and Clara B. Hauptman, subject to the provision hereinafter contained as to the share or shares of any one or more of said nieces or nephews, who may be unable by reason of the claims of creditors of such niece or nephew to receive personally in her or his own hands the share intended for her or him; and if either of said nieces or nephews shall
44 die before being paid her or his share of said residue, and shall leave a child, children or other descendants surviving her or him, the share of the one so dying shall be paid to such child, children or other descendants and if more than one to them share and share alike *per stirpes* and not *per capita*, but if any of said nieces or nephews shall die before her or his share of said residue is paid to her or him and shall leave no child or other descendants then surviving the share of the one so dying shall be divided among the survivors of said above-named nieces and nephews living at the time said residue is divided; and in case the share hereinbefore given to any niece or nephew cannot be paid into her or his own hand, by reason of any claim or claims of any creditor or creditors of such niece or nephew, then I hereby authorize and direct that the share otherwise hereinbefore given to such niece or nephew, shall be paid to her or his child or children, or husband or wife, as the case may be, if any, in the discretion of the executor or trustee acting in the execution of the trusts of this will or in the like discretion, applied by such executor or trustee for the support and maintenance of such niece or nephew against whom such claims may exist. Should any one or more of the legacies given or intended to be given in and by the items hereinbefore numbered, consecutively from third to thirteenth both inclusive, for any reason whatever, fail or become ineffectual, it is my wish and desire and I do so direct, that the sum or sums representing the legacy or legacies so failing shall become and form part of the said residue and be distributed in the manner and among the persons among whom I have in this fourteenth item directed the "residue" therein mentioned to be distributed, and subject to all the provisions hereinbefore contained in reference to the payment of said residue, Should it become necessary or ad-
45 visable in the opinion of my executor or trustee for the time being acting to change any of the investments in personal property left by me, I hereby authorize and empower such executor or trustee to make such change by sale or otherwise, and reinvest the proceeds in other income-producing securities, which are to be held and disposed of upon the like uses, trusts and provisions hereinbefore declared as to the personal property left by me.

Item fifteenth. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend William E. Edmonston of the city of Washington and District of Columbia to be the executor and trustee of this my will, and

in the case of his death or in case of his inability from any cause to act or to continue to act as such executor and trustee, before the trusts of this my will shall be fully executed and performed, then and in either case I do nominate, constitute and appoint my friend Edward T. Kaiser to be the executor and trustee of this my will, with all the same powers and authorities to all intents and purposes, as said Edmonston had or might have under and by virtue of this my will, and I do hereby revoke, all wills and testaments heretofore made by me, and ratify and confirm this and none other, as and for my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I the said Charles W. Hauptman to this my last will and testament have set my hand and seal on this thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN. [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by Charles W. Hauptman, the above-named testator, as and for his last will and testament in our presence, who, at his request, in his presence and in the
46 presence of each other, have hereunto set our names as subscribing witnesses on this 30th day of November, A. D. 1896.

J. D. COUGHLAN,
500 *Fifth St. N. W., Washington, D. C.*
CHAS. E. VAN ARSDALE,
500 5*th St., Washington, D. C.*
JAY C. HOWELL,
500 5*th St., Washington, D. C.*

47 *Codicil.*

I Charles W. Hauptman do hereby make this as a codicil to my last will and testament bearing date the thirtieth day of November in the year 1896, every part whereof, I do hereby ratify and confirm, except as changed by this codicil, and I do hereby give and bequeath to my sister Helen C. Carpenter, if she survives my sister Mary E. Hauptman, the sum of ten thousand dollars, this bequest being in addition to the bequest to her of six thousand dollars, contained in said will, should said Helen C. Carpenter not survive said Mary E. Hauptman, the legacy given by this codicil shall lapse and become part of my residuary estate.

In testimony whereof I the said Charles W. Hauptman to this codicil to my last will and testament have set my hand and seal on this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

CHARLES W. HAUPTMAN. [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by Charles W. Hauptman, the above-named testator, as and for a codicil to his last will and testament, in our presence, who, at his request, in his presence and

in the presence of each other, have hereunto set our names as subscribing witnesses on this fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1898.

J. D. COUGHLAN,
500 *Fifth St. N. W., Washington, D. C.*
JAY C. HOWELL,
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MARIE LOUISE CARUSI,
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48 The caveators thereupon produced and examined as a witness in their behalf Dr. D. S. LAMB, who testified substantially as follows:

That he is a physician and for twenty-five or thirty years has been the pathologist in the Army Medical Museum; that he has made a good many post-mortem examinations, and that he performed the autopsy in this case; that the testator's brain was somewhat atrophied and pale; there were some small cysts, and the arteries in an atheromatous condition; that he has found similar conditions of the brain as early as fifty and as late as eighty or ninety years.

On cross-examination this witness testified that the atrophy or shrinkage was about general; that there was no particular
49 place in which it appeared more evident than in others; that he would not undertake to say that the testator was of unsound mind or incapable of transacting business; that generally it is one of the functions of old age to contract or atrophy all of the organs of the body; the brain, the lungs, and nearly all the organs of the body are shrunken by age; that it is not possible to tell from such an examination as was made of this brain, where the condition is a general wasting, whether the mind was sound or unsound; that cysts are simply cavities filled with some fluid, and that he found small cysts in the left internal capsule and the left optic thalami and the centrum ovale majus; that a brain has two hemispheres, the right and left; that in these hemispheres is the seat of intellect which governs the intellectual or perceptive faculties of the mind; that paralysis entirely of one of the optic thalami would have no effect at all on the intellectual faculties, except perhaps a sort of reflex effect like any injury would; that he did not find anything in the condition of the brain of the testator not due to the ordinary changes of advancing age; that all the conditions present were what advancing age would naturally produce; that the testator's was not a case of premature old age; that the arachnoid is the membrane which covers the brain, and in a normal condition there is a certain amount of fluid between it and the brain proper; this amount of fluid was increased by reason of the atrophy of the brain; that from the condition of a brain like the testator's apoplexy would possibly have happened to the patient, but men who die of apoplexy are not necessarily of unsound mind up to the time of the attack; that it is the gray matter which forms the thinking part of the brain.

And the caveators, further to maintain the issues on their part joined, produced as a witness Dr. HOWARD H. BARKER, who testified that he was a practicing physician in Washington for about
50 thirty years; that he had attended the testator, Charles W. Hauptman, as his family physician; that the testator called at his office in June, 1892, suffering with urinary calculus in his urethra; that a few months before this visit witness had operated upon the testator for this same malady; that the testator never had any epileptic attacks, so far as witness knew, while he attended him, and that the testator in addition to this urinary trouble had bowel disease.

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. I suppose, Doctor, you have a good many patients who have both calculus and diarrhœa?

A. Yes; occasionally.

Q. Do you regard those diseases as indications of mental unsoundness?

A. No, sir; I do not.

Q. It is a fact, is it not, that many men of the highest intellect and mental powers have this stone in the bladder?

A. Certainly (pp. 141, '2).

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. Doctor, your professional connection with Mr. Hauptman extended, if I understand you, from about the 1st of 1892 to April, 1898?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. During that time, if I understand you, the only indications of disease you knew anything about were the intestinal, kidney, and bladder affections?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You never saw anything else wrong with him?

A. No, sir.

Q. Either mentally or physically?

A. No, sir (p. 146).

51 The caveators, further to maintain the issues on their part joined, produced as a witness one Dr. EDWARD A. BALLOCH, who testified that he was a practicing physician in Washington for the last twenty-one years; that he saw the testator once at the office of Dr. George N. Perry, at 1316 Q street N. W., in the early part of May, 1898; that he was called into consultation by Dr. Perry to attend the testator; that Dr. Perry simply told witness that the testator had had some kind of a convulsion of epileptic form and nature, and that he was a little worried; that he was also present on the third day of May, 1899, when the post-mortem examination was held

This witness, when interrogated concerning the record of the autopsy, testified as follows:

Q. What would that indicate, a healthy or a diseased brain?
A. Diseased, I should say.
Q. Badly diseased or slightly diseased?
A. Slightly, in my judgment.
Q. Slightly diseased?
A. Yes, sir (pp. 186, '7).

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. Does a slight- diseased brain necessarily involve any want of ordinary business capacity?
A. Not in itself (pp. 192, '3).
Q. There are some diseases of the brain which will not affect the mind at all, are there not?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Such as those affecting the organs of motion or the senses, termed the sensory tracts?
A. Yes, sir.

52 The caveators, further to maintain the issue on their part joined, produced the witness Dr. GEORGE N. PERRY, who testified that he was the husband of a niece of the testator; that he had seen a good deal of the testator during his life, both in the capacity of physician and as one of the members of the family; that it was only in the late years of his life that witness attended the testator professionally; that he attended him in his last illness; that the testator never consulted witness professionally for any serious ailment; that when witness was there occasionally he would speak to him of some slight trouble, for which witness would give him something; that the testator told witness that he had urinary trouble; that witness had seen the testator when he had epileptic fits on two occasions, once in his office and once at the testator's home, the fit at his home occurring in December before he died, the other fit taking place in the witness's office, on the 9th of May, 1898; that witness was present at the post-mortem examination made on the brain of the testator, the examination having been made at witness's request, from a scientific or medical standpoint, to ascertain the cause of the convulsions; that testator had been confined to his bed possibly a week or ten days before his death.

This witness further testified as follows:

A. With the exception of these attacks which he occasionally had—these convulsions which he occasionally had—he appeared to be as well as usual. With that exception, until after his sister's death, which occurred—I cannot give the exact date, but I think in January previous to his death, he failed rapidly after that. It was not so apparent for possibly a month or six weeks, although he was failing then, but he failed very rapidly in the last few months of his life.
Q. He had been failing before that, had he not, as a consequence of these attacks of epilepsy?
A. I think not, sir (pp. 231–'2).

The witness further testified as follows:

Q. Doctor, can you not recall any other of these epileptic attacks than the ones which you have described?

A. I cannot positively. I am positive of none prior to May 9th, 1898. That was the first knowledge I ever had of any con-
53 vulsions. He had several—how many I will not say—between that and his death; possibly four, five, or six (p. 241).

The witness further testified as follows:

Q. What effect on the mental soundness of a man has that urethral calculus or the operation which is to relieve it?

A. None whatever (p. 244).

The witness further testified that during the last few years of his life he had frequent conversations with the testator on general subjects; that on one occasion witness told the testator that he intended investing in a house, and that the testator gave him his opinion in the matter, with reference to the price, etc.; that witness gave him a description of the house, its location, and its price, and asked the testator if he thought it would be a safe and judicious investment to make; testator advised witness that he thought it would.

This witness further testified concerning conversations which he had had with the testator in reference to the trouble between himself (the testator) and the caveators who had contested his brother's will; testator was very much exercised and provoked over the action of the caveators, and said that if he were a younger man, ten years younger, he would never have compromised the case.

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. What, if anything, did he say to you about what he considered the deserts of those persons who made that attack on him in regard to his own estate—his own property?

A. After the settlement?

Q. Yes, sir.

54 A. He repeated to me that he did not want any of them to have a single dollar of his money after he died.

Q. Now, from your different conversations with him on these subjects during the time after his brother's death, did you form an opinion as to his mental character and capacity?

A. I always had one opinion.

Q. You did form one, then?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What was that opinion?

A. That he was perfectly sound and rational.

Q. Up to what time?

A. Within a short time before his death; within the last three months of his life. It is impossible to say when rationality would end and irrationality would begin (249).

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. Suppose a man has his first epileptic attack or epileptoid con-

vulsion on the 9th of May of any given year, what light would that throw upon his mental soundness in the preceding month?

A. None whatever. It would have no effect (p. 252).

The caveators thereupon produced as a witness one WILLIAM E. EDMONSTON, who testified that he is the president of the Columbia Title Insurance Company, and is the William E. Edmonston who is named as the executor of the last will and testament of Charles W. Hauptman; that he prepared a will for the testator on the 19th of March, 1896, and before that time prepared no other will for him; that he prepared a will for him on the 30th of November, 1896; that to the witness's
55 knowledge the testator, between the 19th of March, 1896, and the 30th of November of the same year, executed no other will; that on the 15th day of April, 1898, he executed a codicil to the will; that, as collector appointed by the court to take charge of the testator's estate pending this litigation, witness obtained fifteen or sixteen hundred dollars from a box at the National Safe Deposit Company, at the corner of Fifteenth and New York avenue; that witness found the will as well as other securities in the same place; that the first will which witness prepared for the testator, namely, the will of March 13th, 1896, was executed before certain of the testator's nephews and nieces had contested the will of his (the testator's) brother, and was canceled by the testator; that the testator of his own volition gave directions to the witness as to what he wanted his will to contain, the directions for the drafting of the first will having been given verbally, and in the case of the second will the directions were partly in writing and made by the testator.

The caveatees thereupon offered in evidence the written memoranda given to this witness by the testator, which are in the words and figures following:

56 $6,000. Sister Helen C. Carpenter, Artesia, Los Angeles county, California.

Mary S. Heinecke.
H. Kate Bremerman.
Edmund H. Brown.
Mary E. Perry.
William F. Brown.
William C. Hauptman.
Mary M. King.
Lloyd Douglass.
Caroline Watson.
Mary B. Tracy.
John D. Hauptman.
Clinton C. Hauptman.
Clara B. Hauptman.
David Lomax, $300.

Foundry Methodist Episcopal church, cor. 14th & G, $500. Sunday school of the same church, $500. Missionary Society of the

Methodist Episcopal Church situated at New York city, $500. The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, $500. The Methodist Home of the District of Columbia, 500 dollars. Washington City Bible Society, $200. Sibley Hospital of Washington City, D. C., 500. Central Union Mission of Washington City, D. C., $200. Washington City Orphan Asylum, cor. 14th & S St., $200. American University, Bishop John F. Hurst, president, $500. For the poor of Foundry M. E. church, $200.

57 This witness further testified that the reason the gift to the Sibley Hospital of Washington, D. C., was given by the will to the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School was because it was found that the hospital was not incorporated at the time, this information, at witness's direction, having been ascertained by the testator, the letter to the latter, dated November 27, 1896, furnishing this information being offered in evidence by the caveatees.

With reference to the instructions given witness by the testator for drafting his will, the witness further testified as follows:

Q. I will ask you whether, in connection with those instructions, the testator, Mr. Hauptman, discussed with you or conferred with you upon the subject of the contest of his brother's will and said anything about these persons in that connection.

A. Yes; he said he wanted to give those who had stood by him the residue of his estate.

Q. Is there or is there not among those thirteen persons one about whom he expressed to you some question or some hesitancy in that connection?

A. Yes; there was one.

Q. Which one was that? Please tell us all about that.

A. That was William C. Hauptman. He said he thought at first William C. Hauptman was against him, but he had come around and disclaimed contesting or being a party to the contest of his brother Francis's will, and that he let him in (pp. 268–'9).

This witness further testified that the plan of settling the shares of any of the testator's nephews and nieces who were in embarras-ed financial circumstances in trust for them rather than devot-
58 ing them to paying the claims of other persons was originated by the testator, the testator stating to the witness that one of the heirs, William C. Hauptman, was financially involved, and that he (testator) did not want his share to go to his nephew's creditors. This clause was suggested by the testator and added after the original will was drawn.

59 And the caveators, further to maintain the issues on their part joined, produced and had sworn and examined as a witness in their behalf Dr. IRVING C. ROSSE, who testified in substance as follows: That he has practiced medicine since 1866; that since 1882 he has confined his attention more particularly to nervous diseases involving the investigation of the human brain, including mental diseases; that he has studied his specialty in a number of schools in

this country and in Europe, and has testified as an expert in neurology a great many times in the courts of the District of Columbia, and has also qualified and testified in said courts as an expert in pneumonia; that the report of the post-mortem examination indicated, in his opinion, a diseased brain; that the disease was gradual and progressive, increasing rather than diminishing; had probably been progressing for from eight to ten years, and he should say it indicated an unsound mind; that the disease is called senile degeneration.

On cross-examination this witness testified that the features of the report of the autopsy which indicated the mental condition were, first, the atheromatous condition of the blood-vessels; that this does not always involve mental unsoundness; that no particular part of the brain is the thinking part, or which is so recognized; that the gray matter is the thinking part, and this is all over the body; that he does not know whether there is any gray matter in the optic thalami; that he does not know what the function of the optic thalami is; that he does not know whether the optic thalami may be entirely paralyzed or removed without affecting the thinking portion of the brain; that the division of the brain into the right and left hemisphere is merely an arbitrary division which does not exist in nature; that one hemi-
60 sphere of the brain might be entirely removed and the mind remain wholly preserved; that he knows of one instance where a hemisphere was entirely diseased and replaced by pus, and the man's mind was not unsound; that a man could carry around a cranium half filled with decayed and corrupted matter and still live, and without the suffering from septecemia; that one side of the brain seems to be sufficient for the performance of the functions of the mental faculties; that memory, consciousness, and thought can all be operated in a perfectly normal way when one side of the brain is rendered incapable of performing its operations by disease or injury; that he does not know how many arteries feed the cortex of the brain; that an atheromatous artery would affect the mind very much like any disease would, very much like a mote in the eye; that the thickening of the arteries, reduction of the flow of blood, and consequent diminution of nutrition are not the only reasons why an atheromatous condition affects the mind; that he does not know any other way in which an atheromatous condition could affect the mind except through diminution of the blood supply, and that he neither concedes nor disputes the statement of the text-books that the autopsies in cases of sudden death not infrequently disclose that a greatly reduced circulation of the blood is sufficient to maintain the brain for ordinary purposes; that the next indication of mental unsoundness from the report of the autopsy was the general atrophy of the brain; that, as a general rule, whenever the brain is atrophied the mind is unsound; that age atrophies the brain as well as many other organs of the body; that the brain, liver, and the kidneys and most other organs become reduced in size

with advancing years naturally; that the brain shows marked
61 atrophy from old age; that he is unable to say when atrophy of the brain from mere age begins; it may be 30 in one man or 60 in another; that he cannot tell any average at which it begins, not because the science of medicine has not fixed that limit in ordinary cases, but because the witness does not know; that he cannot tell within twenty years the time within which atrophy without disease is naturally to be expected; that the third reason for supposing there was mental unsoundness based upon the report of the autopsy is the existence of the small cysts on the left internal capsule and the left optic thalmus; that witness does not know the function of either of these parts of the brain; that he does not know whether there is any doubt as to either function in the medical profession or not, but he does not know what these functions are; that he does not know the location of the optic thalami, and that in view of the fact that one whole side of the brain might be paralyzed and the mind remain unimpaired the existence of a few small cysts on one side, taken singly, would not indicate mental unsoundness; that most bodily ailments will affect the mind, and that a bad cold or a toothache, taken in connection with other things, would tend to confirm witness' impression of the testator's mental unsoundness.

62 The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness one CHARLES WHITE, JR., who testified that he had lived in the District of Columbia since 1879 and knew the testator very well, having known him from 1882 up to the time of his death; that he had visited testator at his house, seeing him about once or twice a month during the last three years of his life; that he had had many conversations with the testator in both business and social ways; that after the death of the testator's brother, Mr. Francis E. Hauptman, witness had an interview with the testator at the testator's house when he went there to condole with him. At this interview a question came up of bonds, and witness volunteered to bond the testator in reference to any matters connected with the estate of his deceased brother. The testator thanked witness very cordially and agreed to accept him as bondsman, if it was necessary. In some of these conversations which witness had with the testator the question of
the contest of his (the testator's) brother's will arose, in
63 which the testator told witness that he was determined to resist any effort on the part of any one to compromise the suit in reference to his brother's will, but was determined to contest it. The testator subsequently told witness that on account of his sister's (Mary) objections to having a contest take place over the will of testator's brother, Francis E. Hauptman, he had compromised the will. Witness further testified that he thought that the testator was a man of good business capacity, and that the witness had never observed in any of his conversations with the testator any acts or any conduct on the part of the testator indicating mental weakness or unsoundness.

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. From what you knew and saw of him, what is your opinion as to his capacity to make a valid deed or contract on either the 30th of November, 1896, or the 15th of April, 1898?

A. I think he was perfectly competent (p. 331).

This witness further testified that he met testator on E street on one occasion and conversed with him concerning his (the testator's) will; that the testator spoke in as extreme language as he generally employed concerning the parties who had opposed him in his brother Frank's will, his general habit being to use mild and moderate language.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness EDWIN POTBURY, who testified that he had lived twenty-eight years in the city of Washington, being engaged in the merchant-tailoring business, and that he knew the testator, Charles Wesley Hauptman, quite intimately, and during the last three years of testator's life saw him perhaps every other day, sometimes at the witness's place of
64 business and sometimes at the testator's home; that during this period of time he had conversations of both a business and social character with the testator; that witness also conversed with the testator about the latter's church, the Foundry Methodist church, testator being quite fond of talking about church matters; that testator took a great deal of interest in his church and its general prosperity, making contributions thereto; that down to within six or eight months of his (testator's) death he had business transactions with him, testator being a customer at witness's place of business.

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. From what you saw of him and your talks with him and your knowledge of him, did you form any opinion as to what his mental capacity was?

A. I always regarded him as first class in that respect—considered him a very bright man.

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Q. It appears in evidence that he made a will in November, 1896, and a codicil in April, 1898, dying in May, 1899. From what you saw and knew of him and observed of him, what, in your opinion, was his ability to make a deed or a contract in November, 1896, and in April, 1898, which would be two years and a half and one year before his death?

A. I think, as far as my opinion goes, he was in first-class condition then, sir, in every way (pp. 352, '3).

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness Mrs. CHARLES WHITE, Jr., who testified that she is the wife of Charles White, Jr., whose testimony is given above; that she was acquainted with the Hauptman family all her life and knew the testator, Charles Wesley Hauptman, very well, being intimately acquainted with him
65 down to the end of his life; that she saw testator during the last two or three years of his life at least twice a week at his

home; that during this period of two or three years she had many conversations with the decedent; that the testator spoke to her concerning the attack which his nephews and nieces were making at that time upon the will of testator's brother, Mr. Francis Hauptman, the testator, Charles W. Hauptman, expressing great surprise at this for the reason that his brother, Mr. Francis Hauptman, and himself had always aided the parents of their nieces and nephews on every occasion; that the testator spoke to witness concerning the making of his own will; that he had expressed great concern for his sister, Mrs. Carpenter, and that his brother, Mr. Francis Hauptman, and himself were very anxious to have her provided for, Mrs. Carpenter residing in California at the time.

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. What would you say was your opinion about his mental condition a year before he died?

A. I never doubted that at all. He visited in my house; came and took dinner with us; came up the Christmas before he died. He spent the afternoon with us. I never regarded him as anything else but a very bright man. He was reserved—that is, he did not make many friends, was very modest, very retiring (p. 363).

The caveatees thereupon called as a witness Mrs. CAROLINE SPAULDING, who testified that she knew the Hauptmans for many years, being neighbors of theirs, and that she saw them very frequently; that she saw testator within six weeks of his death, and that quite frequently during the year testator would speak to her of things generally, the improvements of the city, and things
66 that were going on; that testator spoke to her concerning the trouble that some of his family made for him over the will of his (testator's) brother, testator being very much troubled about it, and that witness always thought that the testator was right in his mind, and that there was nothing amiss with him.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness EDWARD T. KAISER, who testified that he was in the real-estate business in the city of Washington; that he had known the testator for a number of years, and that he had business transactions with the testator and his brother, Mr. Francis Hauptman, collecting the rents of their houses for them; that during the last two or three years of testator's life witness had had many business transactions and conversations with the testator in relation especially to the testator's property; that about a week before testator's death witness consulted him concerning an expired insurance on one of his properties; that outside of business matters witness had had many social chats with the testator concerning the topics of the day, the question of the income tax having been discussed by them; that witness from his several talks with testator and his business connection with him never saw anything unusual in the testator's actions; that witness considered him a competent man to do business, and that on the days that the will and codicil in this case were made, respectively, testator was

competent to execute them; that witness never observed anything in testator's actions that indicated any mental unsoundness or want of capacity to attend to his business.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness EDWARD F. SIMPSON, who testified that he had resided in the city of Wash-
67 ington for sixty-seven years and the balance of his life in Georgetown; that his acquaintance began with the testator over sixty years ago and continued until his death, witness and the Hauptmans being members of the same church; that witness was treasurer of the Foundry church, which the testator attended, and that he in that capacity knew that the testator made regular contributions to the church; that during the latter years of testator's life he had had a great many conversations with the testator concerning matters in which both were interested; that testator had spoken to witness concerning the trouble which testator's nieces and nephews had made over the will of his brother, Francis Hauptman, and that witness "never had but one opinion about Wesley Hauptman's competency to transact business, and that is that he knew his own mind about everything he intended to do," and that, in witness's judgment, the testator was perfectly capable of making his will.

The caveatees produced as a witness CLINTON HAUPTMAN, who testified that he is a clerk at the Howard hotel, and that he was a nephew of the testator, being a son of George W. Hauptman, deceased; that he knew the testator all his life and had had many conversations with him, the last one taking place about a week before testator's death; that on one occasion testator spoke to witness about his (testator's) will and about the fight which his nieces and nephews were making on his brother Frank's will, testator stating to witness that he was going to cut them out of his will and was going to leave them nothing; that within two or three weeks of his death testator had given witness advice as to the most proper method of investing money, advising witness to invest his money in either gas-company stocks, or Government bonds, or in building
68 associations; that the only reason he (testator) had compromised the will of his brother with his nephews and nieces was because he was getting old, and that, in witness's opinion, testator was perfectly sane.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness DAVID D. LOMAX, who testified that he came to Washington when he was eleven years and a half old and went to the house of Mr. Hauptman's family, by whom he was raised; that he learned the tinner's trade from the Hauptmans, who were engaged in that business; that witness remained with the family twenty-seven years; that after Mr. Frank Hauptman retired from business witness went in business for himself; that after leaving the Hauptmans he would call on the testator about twice a month, and the testator would call on him; that in the last few years of his (testator's) life witness was engaged as a domestic at the decedent's home; that the testator never told wit-

ness how much he was going to leave him by his will, although he had told him (witness) that he had remembered him; that witness always thought testator to be a man of sound mind, and never saw him do or heard him say anything that did not seem rational.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness Mrs. HELEN C. CARPENTER, a sister of the testator, who testified that she had been living in California about twenty-five or thirty years, about twenty miles from Los Angeles; that the first time she saw the testator after she went to California was in 1887, at 407 Eleventh street, witness's visit here at that time lasting for six months; that the next time witness was in Washington was in 1896, at both of which visits witness saw her brother (the testator) and had many conversations with him; that from what witness saw of her brother (the testator)
69 during her visit to Washington in 1896 he appeared perfectly sound and sane; that at that time the testator spoke to witness about his nephews and nieces who had contested his brother Frank's will and admonished her never to compromise his (testator's) will with them, and saying that he was going to leave money with which to fight his nieces and nephews in case they attempted to attack his will; that under the compromise of Francis Hauptman's will witness had received $700, which, following the advice of the testator, she had invested, together with $300 given to her by the testator, making $1,000 in all, in a Government bond; that just before witness left California the last time, in 1899, for Washington, she received a letter from the testator asking her to bring with her the one-thousand-dollar Government bond which she had purchased, and which he had advised her to keep in a safe-deposit box, etc.; that testator had given $1,500 to witness with which to fight his nieces and nephews in case they fought his will, $1,000 of the $1,500 being invested in a bond, testator renting a safe-deposit box for witness to put her money in; that at the time the will and codicil were executed witness was in California; that when witness saw testator in 1899 he was as rational as she, and that there was nothing wrong with testator up to within a week of his death.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness Miss MAUD CARPENTER, who testified that she was the daughter of Mrs. Helen C. Carpenter, and that she came on with her mother to the house of her uncle, the testator, in 1896; that the witness and her mother stayed at the house of the testator at 407 Eleventh street, and during their stay witness saw testator every day, and found him perfectly capable of attending to all of his business and doing
70 anything he pleased, witness seeing nothing in the testator's conduct or actions which was peculiar or out of the way; that witness saw testator the next time in March, 1899, when she and her mother came on from California, testator dying after witness and her mother had been here six weeks, and that witness noticed no change in the mental condition of the testator until one week before he died.

The caveatees thereupon called and examined as a witness in their behalf Dr. EDMUND L. TOMPKINS, who testified that he has been a practicing physician in the District of Columbia since 1885; that for the last eight or ten years he has made a specialty of nervous diseases; that he is professor of nervous diseases in the Columbian university and attending physician for the department of nervous diseases in the Emergency hospital; that he was also connected with the Hammond sanitarium for the treatment of nervous diseases; that he has studied the report of the post-mortem examination held in this case; that atheroma is a condition of the blood-vessels by which they become hardened and lose some of their elasticity; that this condition, to a certain extent, reduces the nutrition; that the brain usually grows smaller as a man gets older; that this condition is usually noted at from sixty to sixty-five years of age; that when the brain diminishes or atrophies the fluid fills the spaces which the brain filled before it contracted; that it is certainly a normal condition; that the grey substance of the brain at the top is the thinking part of the brain; that the optic thalami are located at the base of the brain; that there is nothing obscure about their location; that there is no more doubt about it than there can be of the part of the leg the foot is on; that optic thalamus means "eye chamber," because it is
71 shaped like the eye; that there are two optic thalami, one on each side; that should one of them be destroyed or paralyzed there would be a loss of sensation on the opposite side of the body from the one destroyed—that is, if the left optic thalamus becomes paralyzed the sensation is destroyed on the right side of the body, and *vice versa;* that this would have no effect on the intellectual or thinking power; that the existence of several small cysts on the optic thal-mus or on the internal capsule ought not to effect at all the thinking powers of the brain; that the internal capsule is a band of white matter which conveys motor or sensory sensations from the surface of the brain to the body; that it has nothing to do with the intellect; that the thinking parts of the brain are divided into two hemispheres, the right and left, which are counterparts or duplications of each other; that the thinking power would not be affected if one hemisphere was injured; that this division is a natural division and is not any less arbitrary and natural than the division of the lower part of the body into the two legs; that from the condition of the brain, indicated by the report of the autopsy, nothing could be said or determined about the testator's sanity; that the conditions disclosed by the autopsy would affect only the motor or sensory functions of the brain; that loss of the senses—hearing, feeling, sight, taste, and smell—does not impair the intellect; that in cases of general atrophy the intelligence is not usually affected; that general atrophy is not so bad as atrophy of any particular part; that the actions, behavior, and conversation of a person, as observable by his friends, relatives, and associates, are better tests of a man's mental soundness than the results of an autopsy exposing such conditions as this case presents;

that epileptic convulsions beginning a year prior to death
72 would have no effect upon a man's sanity before the convulsions began; that a great many people have epilepsy all their lives and do not go insane; that there is no connection between urethral calculus and mental unsoundness; that there is no connection between toothache and mental unsoundness, and that there is no connection between a bad cold and mental unsoundness; that he never heard of toothache, a bad cold, or urethral calculus having anything to do with mental unsoundness; that he does not know of anything which could be taken in connection with a toothache or a bad cold to affect a man's mind.

On cross-examination witness further testified:

That the optic thalami are composed of grey and white matter mixed; that it is the grey matter in the cortex which affects and conveys thought, reflection, and memory; that there are certain portions of the grey matter in the spinal cord and in the lower portion of the brain, but that it has no effect on the memory or intellect; that he has had care of insane persons, and that he has made examinations of the brains of insane persons, and that he has never found a similar condition of the parts of the brain of the persons he has examined that existed in the brain of the testator, as shown by the report of the autopsy; that he does not think that an atheromatous condition of the arteries indicates insanity; that anæmia means "diminution of the number of red corpuscles," and does not mean an absence of them entirely; that anæmia weakens the physical condition of the brain, but it does not affect the mental condition, unless the physical condition is "very, very much weakened;" that he saw nothing in the report of the autopsy that would make him think that the testator was of unsound mind; that anæmic conditions are very frequent among the human race; that a person
who is not ruddy, who has a pale complexion, is called an
73 anæmic; that such persons are not generally of unsound mind; that a great many persons are very pale, but attend to their business as usual.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness WILLIAM E. EDMONSTON, who testified that he knew the testator from about 1870 or 1871, seeing him quite frequently from 1896 to the end of his life and having quite a number of business transactions with him; that witness represented testator in the contest over the will of his brother, Francis Hauptman, and during the time the contest was going on he saw the testator two or three times a week; that while this contest was going on he (testator) appeared to witness to be perfectly competent and sane. Witness "never had the slightest doubt about it."

The caveatees thereupon produced Dr. A. B. RICHARDSON as a witness in their behalf, who testified as follows:

That he has been a practicing physician of twenty-four years; hat he was assistant physician at the Athens Asylum for the In-

sane, at Athens, Ohio, and afterwards medical superintendent there; that in 1890 he practiced in Cincinnati in the special practice of nervous and mental diseases, and that in 1892 he was appointed medical superintendent of the Columbia State Hospital for the Insane, where he remained until 1898, when he was appointed medical superintendent of the Massillon State hospital, in which position he continued until October, 1899, when he was appointed superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane at Anacostia, D. C., which is called St. Elizabeth's asylum, and that he still holds this position; that he was appointed as successor to Dr. Godding, who died in May, 1899; that during his entire practice his spe-
74 cialty has been mental and nervous diseases; that he has made and been present at a great many autopsies of the brain; that the localization of the parts of the brain is well known; that there is no doubt or obscurity regarding it; that the optic thalami are located at the base of the brain, on the under surface, in the line of the sensory tracts, and relate to the senses, either general or special; that the hemispheres of the brain are not arbitrary divisions, but exist in nature, and are very well marked, and that they are as distinguishable as the ears from the eyes in the face.

That the intellectual functions of the brain are located in the cell elements; that all demonstration location of diseased conditions found in mental diseases demonstrate that the cellular membranes in the cortex of the hemispheres are pre-eminently the location of the intellectual functions; that the internal capsule is made up entirely of transmission fibres, and their function entirely is to transmit impulses in one direction or the other; that it does not generate any form of energy, but simply transmits it; that it is made up of nerves entirely; that it has no connection with the thinking or intellectual part of the brain except to transmit actions which are the outgrowth of thought or intellectual purposes; that they bear the same relation that telegraph wires have to the cell in electrical combinations; that the grey matter found in other portions of the body has no bearing or connection with the seat of intellect, but it does have something to do with transmitting or multiplying or rearranging sensation; that the mere abstract functions of comparison, memory, reason, analysis, and deduction, which make up the purely intellectual functions, are certainly more distinctly localized in the antero or the anterolateral lobes, and the adjoining portions are the most frequent seat of small extravisations or obstructions in circulation in
75 the exterior brain center, and these small obstructions or extravisations often occur without interfering with the mental functions; that the internal capsule may be damaged without interfering with the mental functions; that it, more than the optic thalami, often is the seat of these small extravisations—small ruptures of blood-vessels; that he has examined the report of the autopsy made of the brain of the testator, and from it it is not possible to tell whether the testator was of sound or unsound mind.

That atheroma is of two kinds, endero-arteris, which is accompanied by a thickening of the interior wall, and is the usual form of

atheroma found in old persons and which affects chiefly the larger vessels, and perarteris, which affects the small arteries; that atheroma of the larger vessels is more frequent than the other, and in elderly persons it is very common to find a certain amount of this atheromatous change in the vessel walls; that this condition is much more commonly met with after sixty years of age than before that time, and is always found in old age, and in exceptional cases is found in children; that this, taken with the anæmic condition of the brain shown by the report of the autopsy, would not have any bearing at all upon the soundness or unsoundness of the mind of the testator; that the statement in said report that the brain was generally atrophied and pale would show that it was the brain of a person advanced in years, certainly beyond middle life; that general atrophy is found always in persons in later life, and would not have any significance in any degree as to the mental capacity of a person; that it frequently occurred that after forty years of age the brain begins to shrink some; that the brain may be more or less atrophied and the person not be said to be mentally unsound or even to have a diseased brain; that nearly all
76 of the organs of the body begin to shrink and atrophy as age advances; that when the brain atrophies a compensating fluid known as the subarachnoidal fluid appears and fills up the place formerly taken up by the brain; that it forms a kind of cushion around the brain, and has no effect on the intellect. It is not a disease; it is a natural consequence of atrophy, and is simply a compensating fluid; that the enlargement or dilation of the lateral ventricles is always due to and caused by the atrophy of the brain; the ventricle is simply a cavity on the inside of the brain; it has a certain amount of fluid in it always, and depending for its size upon the amount of loss of tissue in the brain; it is enlarged or increased as the brain atrophies; it is not a disease, except in so far as it discloses the amount of atrophy; that the existence of small cysts, as shown by the report of the autopsy, would not affect the intellectual functions of the brain, but only some of the other functions of sensation or motion or something of that kind, if they had any effect at all; that they may exist without having any visible effect; that the centrum ovale majus is made up of numerous fibres and contains no grey matter at all, and that the existence of cysts therein would have no effect upon the intellectual faculties; that one-half or one whole side of a person might be paralyzed without affecting the mind; that if a person about a year before his death is attacked with epilepsy and that during the year he had three or four similar attacks, they would be in themselves no indication at all of the person's mental condition; they would not be sufficient at all to draw any conclusion as to his previous mental condition; that epilepsy which develops in late life is not likely to produce mental disorder or be accompanied by it; that there is no connection between urethral calculus and mental unsoundness, and that
77 urethral calculus is more frequent in persons who are sane than in those who are insane; that the conduct of an indi-

vidual, his acts and declarations to his neighbors, family, and others, must determine sanity or insanity in every case; that you cannot predicate the condition of mind of a person upon an examination of the brain after death; that it is in very rare cases indeed that you can see from examination of the brain after death whether the person was of sound or unsound mind; that he would not be able to give from the record of the post-mortem examination of this brain any opinion as to whether testator was of sound or unsound mind; that anæmia of the brain is a very common disease; that anæmic persons are not generally considered insane.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness ARTHUR G. COPELAND, who testified that he knew the testator from 1886 to the end of his life, witness's business during that time being next door to the testator's; that during this period witness saw testator every day, and had many opportunities of observing his behavior and actions; that, with respect to the testator's mental condition, witness "never doubted it," this opinion of witness not changing up to the time of testator's death; that witness never saw any vagaries or delusions of any kind on the part of the testator which would indicate any want of mental or business capacity.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness ALBERT G. HOLLAND, who testified that he knew the testator for about fifty-six years, to the end of his life.

This witness further testified as follows:

Q. From your knowledge and observation of him, and the conversations you had with him during his life, and particularly during the latter part of it, did you form any opinion about his mental capacity and business qualifications?

78 A. I never had occasion to. I was very much surprised when I learned it was questioned.

Q. Did you have any opinion about his mental capacity?

A. Why, I thought he was as sound a man as I am, mentally (p. 546).

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness Mrs. ELLEN E. CLARK, who testified that she knew the testator all her life, and that from what she knew of the testator he was perfectly sane, witness never seeing anything on the part of the testator which was irrational or out of the ordinary.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness GEORGE BAUER, who testified that he is an inspector in the gas office and knew the testator all his life, seeing him every day during the last two or three years of his life; that during this period (the last two years of his life) testator gave witness advice on several matters, and that witness never saw any action on the part of the testator which led him to believe that he (the testator) was not of sound mind.

The caveatees thereupon produced as a witness JOHN COOK, who testified that he is the secretary of the Perpetual Building Association and knew the testator for the last three or four years of his life; that during this period witness had many conversations with him, testator having business transactions at the office of the Perpetual Building Association; that the business transactions which the testator had with the building association were conducted by himself (the testator), and that in the witness's opinion, judging from his observation of the testator during these last three years and the manner in which the testator conducted his business with the building association, the testator was a man of a perfectly sound
79 mind.

The foregoing was all the testimony adduced at the trial of this cause.

To all of which evidence offered on the part of the caveatees tending to prove that at the time of the execution of his last will and testament by the said Charles W. Hauptman he, the testator, was of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding and capable of making a valid deed or contract the said caveators, by their counsel, objected on the ground that by the terms of said order of the court fixing the position upon the record of the parties to this case, by which the caveatees were plaintiffs, the burden of proof was upon them to establish, as a part of their case-in-chief, that the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding and capable of making a valid deed or contract, and that it is too late for them to introduce proof thereof in rebuttal or after the close of the caveators' testimony; but the court overruled the objection to the introduction of said testimony and permitted the said caveatees to offer the said foregoing evidence to show the testamentary capacity of said testator; to which ruling of the court overruling said objection of said caveators to the introduction of said evidence the caveators, by their counsel, then and there excepted and prayed the court to note upon its minutes their said exception, which is accordingly done before the jury retire, and pray the court to sign and seal this their bill of exceptions, which is accordingly done, as aforesaid.

80 Whereupon the caveatees, through their counsel, asked the court to instruct the jury that there was no evidence in the case tending to show fraud, undue influence, or coercion, and that on these issues the jury should render its verdict for the caveatees; which request was granted.

Whereupon the caveators, through their counsel, asked the following instructions, which were granted:

Caveators' Prayers.

1. Unless the jury believe that at the time of the execution of the paper-writing purporting to be his last will Charles Wesley Hauptman, the testator, fully understood the nature of the business in which he was engaged and had sufficient capacity to make a disposition of his estate with judgment and understanding in reference to the amount and situation of his property and the relative claims of different persons who were or should have been the objects of his bounty, and understood the manner in which he disposed of it, then he had not sufficient mental capacity to make a valid last will, and the verdict must be for the caveators on the third and fourth issues as to the alleged will.

(Granted.)

2. The provisions of said paper-writing may be considered by the jury in deciding the question of the mental capacity of the testator to make a valid last will or codicil, and if the jury should believe that the said paper in its provisions is unjust or injudicious,
81 that is a fact to be considered with the rest of the evidence, but it is not of itself sufficient ground for finding that the testator had not sufficient capacity to make a valid will or codicil.

(Granted.)

82 3. The court instructs the jury that the burden of proof is on the caveatees to establish by a fair preponderance of all the evidence in this case that at the time of the alleged execution of the paper-writing purporting to be his last will and testament the said Charles Wesley Hauptman was of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding and capable of making a valid deed or contract.

(Granted.)

All of which exceptions, as stated in the foregoing bill of exceptions, were duly entered by the court upon its minutes, and the said several exceptions are signed and sealed as the exceptions which were taken at the trial of this cause, on this 7th day of November, 1900, *nunc pro tunc*.

CHAS. C. COLE, *J.* [SEAL.]

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In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Special Term for Orphans' Court Business.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, *To wit:*

I, Louis A. Dent, register of wills for the District of Columbia and *ex officio* clerk of the said special term for orphans' court business, do hereby certify the foregoing pages, numbered from 1 to 83, inclusive, to be a true copy of the originals of certain papers on file in the office of the register of wills in case No. 8916, Estate of Charles

W. Hauptman, deceased, the same constituting a full, true, and correct transcript of the record of proceedings had in said cause.

Seal Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Probate Jurisdiction.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the said supreme court, special term for orphans' court business, this 12th day of November, anno Domini 1900.

LOUIS A. DENT.

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